

Map Used as "Exhibit A" in Tom Dula Trials

The map used as Exhibit A in the Tom Dula trials was drawn by Col. James Isbell. It shows the neighborhood in which the Dulas and the Fosters lived. There is no precision in the drawing and distances are approximated. Written on the map in place of a key is the following information:

<i>Path Followed</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Path thro from Wilson Foster to Bates place	5 miles
Road around do do	6 miles
Wilson Foster's to A. Scott's	1 mile
Place of murder to grave	1/2 to 3/4 mile
Grave to path from Lotty Fosters	150 to 175 yards
Dula's house to grave	400 or 500 yards
Lotty Foster's to Mrs. Dula's	1/2 mile
From where rope was found in the bushes to Stony Fork Road	75 yards

NOTES:

1. In some historic documents "do" is an abbreviation of "ditto".
2. A fact not on the map is that Caldwell County is located west of Elk Creek and Wilkes County is located east of the creek.

QUESTIONS

1. Does the testimony provide additional measurements that can be added to the map?
2. Try to calculate the distances from Wilson Foster's house to James Melton's house as well as from Tom Dula's to James Melton's house.
3. Given the testimony and the map about how far did Tom Dula travel on Friday?
4. How far is it from Lotty Foster's house to the Bates Place?
5. Using the testimony and the map try to plot out all of Tom Dula's travels on Thursday and Friday. Remember that all of his travels were likely on foot. How far did he travel?